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In re Application of:

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VIA MULTIPLE CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION

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It appears that all formal requirements with regard to the application have been satisfied. Nonetheless, Applicant has not received any communication on the merits from the Patent Office. Applicant would appreciate an indication as to when the first communication on the merits from the Patent Office will be received. Applicant would also appreciate receiving a reply to this inquiry by telephone or facsimile as soon as possible.

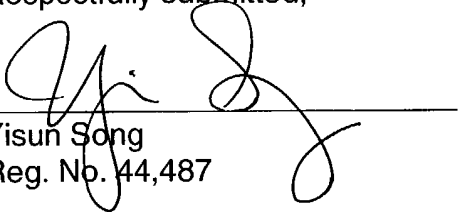
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